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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Official Action under final rejection dated April 24, 2001 with a period to rely of four (4) months be extended two (2) months to October 24, 2001.

The statutory fee for this extension (\$200.00) is included in the enclosed check for the amendment fee. Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 501709. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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